

# Career Opportunity

## Head Start Teacher

SALARY: \$13.81 - \$18.47 Hourly

CLOSES: Continuous

JOB TYPE: Contract/Grant-Funded/Full-Time



**POSITION OVERVIEW:** The purpose of this position is to function as a member of the Maricopa County Head Start teaching and family support team to promote active learning in the preschool classroom by planning and implementing developmentally appropriate, individualized experiences and by creating a safe and nurturing environment in which three through five year old children can enhance language and literacy skills, cognitive development, physical development, social/ emotional development, and develop age-appropriate social and self help skills. This includes planning and participating in parent education, parent involvement and family support activities.

**POSITION QUALIFICATIONS:** Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development or equivalent college degree, which includes 18 credits in early childhood education and/or child development (OR) a Bachelor's degree and has been admitted into the Teach For America program, passed a rigorous early childhood content exam, such as the Praxis II, participated in a Teach For America summer training institute that includes teaching preschool children. If the degree is in a field other than Early Childhood Education, the candidate must have at least one year of experience teaching in a licensed childcare or public pre-k setting. Completion of supervised student teaching in an early childhood setting is counted towards this work experience. No substitutions allowed in accordance with the Head Start Act and Head Start Performance Standards. Preferred: Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or Child Development or equivalent college degree, which includes 18 credits in early childhood education and/or child development. If the degree is in a field other than Early Childhood Education, the candidate must have at least one year of experience teaching in a licensed childcare or public pre-k setting. Completion of supervised student teaching in an early childhood setting counts towards this work experience. Bi-lingual in English/Spanish language strongly desired. Current and former Head Start / Early Head Start parents will receive preference for employment vacancies for which they are qualified. Special Requirements: Must currently possess or have the ability to obtain a valid Arizona driver license upon hire. Background investigation and fingerprint identification performed upon hire to secure DPS Fingerprint Clearance Card. Must be able to pass a medical exam that includes screening for TB, as required by Federal and State regulations, to be free of communicable disease, and must have received the following vaccinations: (MMR) Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Tetanus if not current, to assure no significant risk exists to the health or safety of others. Certification in CPR, First Aid, and Food Handler's must be obtained within six weeks of hire.

**Benefits:** This position receives full benefits with Maricopa County, including holidays, vacation time, choice of three medical and dental plans, pharmacy, vision, life insurance, flexible spending accounts, behavioral health, disability, retirement and a deferred compensation program.

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